

Tofte Is Suspended by CIA; FBI Acts in Jewel Mystery

The FBI has taken a hand in the Central Intelligence Agency's cloak-and-dagger case of the missing George Town jewels.

The CIA also gave the case another bizarre twist by announcing the suspension from his normal duties of Hans V. Tofte, 59, its upper-echelon agent, whose wife, Marlys, reported the disappearance of more than \$20,000 worth of jewelry from their home at 1667 35th st. nw.

The jewelry was missed on July 25, the day after two other CIA agents had confiscated some manuscripts from the Tofte home in connection with the Agency's investigation of suspicions that Tofte had breached its security regulations.

The CIA's announcement said Tofte, a World War II underground and commando hero, would not be cut off from his salary (about \$25,000) during the suspension and would hold himself available for occasional consultation with his supervisor, Howard Osborn, director of the Agency's security.

The FBI's entrance into the case was on the routine presumption that the missing jewels have been taken across State lines, and because the considerable value involved gives it the necessary jurisdiction.

It means, however, that FBI agents will be questioning CIA agents Kenneth R. Slocum and Charles D. Searke, who already have told Washington detectives that they meddled with no jewelry as they were impounding Tofte's "very sensitive" manuscripts.

Tofte said he was notified of his suspension about 9 a.m. yesterday by a letter delivered by special messenger. His comment was, "I plan to go fishing."

Mrs. Tofte sought to clear up a little whisp of the case's heavy fog with an explanation of why the Washington police may have waited nearly a week before formally reporting the jewel larceny. She said police were mistaken in

their report that she had located some of the pieces he originally had reported missing. It is all still gone, she said, nor has she mislaid it in the process of packing to move from their Georgetown house to one at 2362 Massachusetts ave. n.w., as police also thought might turn out to be the case.

She was going to take the jewelry over to their new house, she said, but remembered that she left it at work.

men would be coming in there to tidy up the place, so she tucked it way back on a third-floor closet shelf.

When she and her husband returned home in the evening of the day the CIA men impounded Tofte's manuscripts, she said, another CIA man was waiting for them to advise them that the manuscripts had been confiscated.

"I went immediately to where I had put the jewels," she said. "They were gone."